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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the documents identified on the enclosed form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed, are disclosed to the Examiner for consideration in connection with the present application.

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This supplemental information disclosure statement is hereby submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the required fee of \$180.00. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

Respectfully submitted,

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